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Make sure your child gets their vision checked before the first day of kindergarten. Seeing clearly makes it easier to succeed in school!

	<i>Created by the Children's Services Division of the Oregon Library Association</i>		1 Sing <i>The Alphabet Song</i> to your baby or toddler, and with your preschooler.	2 Read <i>Smelly Bill</i> by Daniel Postgate. A dog's gotta roll in the stink! Rhyming picture book, 3-7 years.	3 Tell your child a story about how you spent a hot summer day when you were a kid.	4 Reading with your baby shows her how books "work" — how pages turn, print goes left to right, etc.
5 Traditional songs and nursery rhymes include words we don't often hear, increasing vocabulary.	6 <i>My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes, Songs, and Concepts</i> by David McPhail, 2-5 years.	7 Children identify letters by shape. Point out shapes during play — round balls, square blocks, etc.	8 <i>Baby Animal Farm</i> by Karen Blair. Human babies visit farm babies. Board book, birth to 3 years.	9 Babies hear sounds of all languages. Talking to them focuses on the sounds of their own language(s).	10 Sing "There was a farmer had a dog, And Bingo was his name-o" (Search for "Bingo" on youtube.com)	11 The most important thing you can do to support your child's literacy is to let your child see you read!
12 Scribbling is good practice. Ask "What did you write?" so children realize those marks have meaning.	13 Singing slows speech down, so children can identify individual sounds.	14 Read <i>It's Summer!</i> by Linda Glaser. Sunflowers, fireflies, and sandy beaches. Cut-paper illustration, 4-8 years.	15 Wordless picture books develop narrative skills. Ask your child, "What's going on in this picture?"	16 Read <i>Peek-a-Moo!</i> by Marie Torres Cimarusti. Peek-a-boo fun at the farm. Lift-the-flap book, 2-5 years.	17 Playing peek-a-boo shows children that people and things still exist, even if we can't see them.	18 Singing helps children hear the small sounds in words, which helps later as they are learning to read.
19 When you read with your child, your child learns that print conveys meaning.	20 Read <i>The Farmer and the Clown</i> by Marla Frazee. Wordless picture book, 4-8 years.	21 Sing <i>Rock-a-Bye Baby</i> by Margaret T. Walty. Traditional lullabies, picture book.	22 Read <i>Summer Days and Nights</i> by Wong Herbert Yee. Picnics, fireflies, summer breezes. Rhyme, 2-6 years.	23 Read <i>Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach</i> by James Dean. Will Pete learn to surf? Early reader, 4-8 years.	24 When you read with your child, ask open-ended questions: "What do you think happens next?"	25 Read <i>A Ball for Daisy</i> by Chris Raschka. Wordless picture book, 3-7 years.
26 Rhyme helps children develop awareness of sound and learn how sounds make words: B-IG, P-IG, D-IG.	27 Read <i>Don't Lick the Dog: Making Friends with Dogs</i> by Wendy Wahman. Nonfiction, 4-7 years.	28 Draw a hopscotch board as long as you can make it on the sidewalk with chalk. Then play!	29 Read <i>One Hot Summer Day</i> by Nina Crews. Toddler fun in the city. Photo collage illustrations, 2-5 years.	30 Read <i>Baby Loves Summer!</i> by Karen Katz. Summer fun for baby. Lift-the-flap book, 1-4 years.	31 Read <i>Two Dogs Swimming</i> by Lynn Rei-ser. Picture book, 3-7 years.	